

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Forest Dept. – WL – Declaration of Sheshachalam hill ranges of Chittoor and Kadapa Districts as Sheshachalam Biosphere Reserve - Constitution of State Level Steering Committee for the Biosphere Reserve and Local Level Management Committee on Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve - Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (For.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 101

Dated:29-12-2012  
Read the following:-

1. From Director (Development), EPTRI Letter No.EPTRI/ENVIS/160/D(D)/2009/2362, dt.25-6-2009
2. From Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, GOI, D.O. LetterNo.18/2/2008-CS/BR,dt.12.06.2009.
3. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad Letter No.5884/08/WL-1, dt.15.03.2010
4. Government of A.P., letter.No.8851/For.II(2)/2008, Dt.20-07-2010
5. From Advisor, MoEF, Govt of India, Dt.20.09.2010
6. From Advisor, MoEF, Govt of India, D.O.No.18/2/2008-CS/BR, Dt.05.05.2011
7. From PCCF, A.P., Hyd. Letter No.5884/08/WL-1, dt.20-6-2011 & 10.05.2012.

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**ORDER:-**

In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh., has submitted proposals to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for designation of Sheshachalam Hills and surrounding areas in Kadapa and Chittoor Districts of Andhra Pradesh State as "Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve" for approval.

2. In the reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the Government of India, among other things, conveyed the designation of Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve (BR) in A.P. which come into being with effect from **20-09-2010**.

3. In the reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Advisor, Government of India has requested the Government of Andhra Pradesh to initiate action on the following:

- 1) Constitution of "**State Level Steering Committee**" for the Biosphere Reserve, in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment & Forests for ensuring Scientific Management of the BR to be headed by the Chief Secretary/Special/Additional Chief Secretary or the Principal Secretary(Forests). The Committee will have a nominee of the MoEF and other line Departments of the State.
- 2) Setting up of "**Biosphere Reserve Management Committee**" at field level for coordination and implementation of the activities of the various Departments for the BR area under their control to be headed by Divisional Commissioners / District Collectors, Chittoor and Kadapa as the Biosphere Reserve area is spread over these districts.
- 3) Setting up of a '**Management Structure**' for the Biosphere Reserve comprising civil society and other relevant stake holders for their participation.

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- 4) Nomination of an officer as Director of the Biosphere Reserve who may be an existing functionary. He/She need not necessarily be an exclusive functionary for this purpose.
- 5) Submission of Annual Management Action Plan, duly recommended by the State Level Steering Committee, to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for extending Financial assistance for implementation of the approved items of activities in the Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve.

4. The Advisor, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India has also requested to keep the Ministry of Environment & Forests informed of the action taken for constitution of above committees, management structure and submission of Annual Management Action Plan.

5. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, among other things, submitted proposals for constitution of State Level Steering Committee and Local level Management Committee on Seshachalam Biosphere, so as to submit scheme proposals to Government of India for 2012-13.

6. After careful consideration, Government, hereby constitute the State Level Steering Committee (Biosphere Reserve) on Seshachalam Biosphere Reserve to examine the Scientific Management Action Plans and make recommendations to Central Government and other financing agencies as appropriate, as detailed in the Annexure-I appended to this order. They also constitute the Local Level Management Committees to co-ordinate the activities of various Departments for the Biosphere Reserve under their control and recommend suitable management interventions for incorporation in the Management Plans as detailed in the Annexure II appended to this order.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (WL) &  
Chief Wildlife Warden, A.P. Hyderabad.  
All members of State Level Steering Committee  
All members of Local Level Management Committee through Principal Chief  
Conservator of Forests (WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden., A.P. Hyderabad.  
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Copy to:

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PS to Secy. to C.M.  
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